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| For: Charging System and Charging Method |) |
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the references identified on the attached PTO-SB08A form, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98, be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent. The references listed on the attached form PTO/SB/08a are cited in corresponding patent Application Serial No. 08/865,403, filed May 29, 1997, and Application Serial No. 09/880,558, filed June 13, 2001.

Applicants also wish to direct the Examiner to related Application Serial No. 08/865,403, and related Application Serial No. 09/880,558, which are being examined by Examiner Nguyen. In addition to the references cited herein, Applicants request that the Examiner consider the latest communications of record in these related applications, pursuant

to McKesson Info. Solutions, Inc. v. Bridge Med., Inc., 487 F.3d 897 (Fed. Cir. 2007). The earlier rejections and responses should be readily available to the Examiner. However, if the Examiner would like us to forward copies, we would be happy to do so.

Respectfully submitted,

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